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THE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT OF THE DAILY PRESS AND OVERLAND TRADE REPORT has this day been placed in the hands of Mr. R. CHATFIELD WILSON.

W. H. BELL, Daily Press Office, Hongkong, January 11th, 1875.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 26TH, 1875.

We have passed in review the trade of the various ports of China for the year 1873, as gleaned from the Reports on Trade at the Treaty Ports of China, published by the Shanghai Customs Authorities, and now propose to lay before our readers some interesting particulars concerning that of the ports of Formosa, gathered from the same source.

The imports at Tamsui for 1873 exhibit a considerable augmentation, compared with those of the previous year. Cotton goods and opium are the articles which show the largest increase; but with the exception of woollen piece goods, all the imports show a marked advance. No less than 51,981 pieces of cotton goods were delivered in 1873, being slightly more than double the import of 1872, while the increase in opium during the same period was 308 pieces. The large increase in the demand for these articles is in all probability, says the report, "consequent on the amount of wheat which has been imported flowing into the northern portion of the island in exchange for tea, the cultivation of which in favourable seasons leaves a margin on the profit side to producers, who in this region in particular, have heretofore had to work hard to obtain a livelihood, and who now, viewing their plantations as a certain source of income, are bent on obtaining luxuries."

The more noticeable features of the export trade are the falling of in tea to the extent of 2,904 piculs, as compared with 1872, but otherwise the largest export to date, that of 1871 being 14,393 piculs against 15,600 piculs in 1873, and the large increase in coal. The export of that mineral in 1873 was 738,974 piculs, compared with 675,886 piculs in 1872 and 513,673 piculs in 1871.

In camphor and hardwood there is an immense decrease to be noted, the export of 1873 standing at 10,031 piculs against 27,401 piculs in the preceding year, the trade in those products having almost completely passed into the hands of the Chinese. The tea trade is progressing satisfactorily, and but for the heavy duties and taxes on coal, the export of that product would increase with almost incredible rapidity. The year proved, however, a prosperous one, on the whole, in North Formosa, as the crops turned out well, and the prices of tea recovered in great measure towards the close of the season.

A serious decrease in the value of trade is visible in the returns for the port of Tamsui. The net value of the imports for 1873 was \$1,376,462 against \$1,478,508 in the year previous, showing a diminution of \$90,046. The exports compare still more unfavourably, the total for 1873 being \$1,417,538 against \$1,825,440 in 1872, a decrease of \$407,902.

As at Tamsui, there is an increase in the quantity of cotton piece goods and opium imported, but the excess is more inconsiderable than at the former port. The import of opium during 1873 was 2,015.90 piculs, compared with 1,932.88 piculs in the preceding year. Of this 805 piculs arrived direct from Hongkong, against 739 piculs in 1872. The direct trade with this port is, it

is satisfactory to note, steadily increasing. Though the import of cotton goods for 1873 is larger than that of 1872 it is less than half that of 1871, and the reasons adduced are that the Formosan cloth, manufactured from the fibre of the palm-leaf, "of which the supply is inexhaustible," is becoming a formidable rival to foreign textile fabrics, and also that large quantities of native cloth from the mainland are imported in junks. The demand for woollen goods was very limited, owing no doubt to the climate of Southern Formosa being too genial to make warm garments much needed. The import for 1873 was 2,733 piculs against 2,787 piculs in the year before, being a decline of 24 piculs.

In the imports of native productions kags and matts show a fair increase, and rice a great falling-off. The latter circumstance was, no doubt, the result of the favourable prospect in Formosa of a good crop that autumn. In the exports the decrease is perhaps the most marked on sugar. The export of this commodity has for the past few years been steadily increasing, but in 1873 the quantity fell below that shipped in 1870.

Most of it goes to Australia, Japan, San Francisco and the Northern ports of China, but in 1872 some of it got into the London market. There is reason to believe that the trade in it will continue to grow. It is to be presumed the short export in 1873 is due to a falling crop. Taken altogether, the returns for 1873 show a decided improvement in the trade of the north, but a sad decline in that of the south of Formosa, which was, however, more the result of bad crops than any permanent cause.

The P.M.S. steamer China came round from Aberdeen docks yesterday morning.

The M.M. Co.'s steamer Anzelm left Saigon for Hongkong, on Sunday last, at 3 P.M.

Among the passengers in the French mail, which arrived yesterday from Yokohama, are the Chevalier Schaeffer, Austrian Minister, bound for Saigon, and Count de Rinnal, Italian Charge d'Affaires for Australia.

The defendant in the case of a robbery of the steamer "China" yesterday at the Victoria Wharf, who was admitted to bail in the sum of \$200, was not forthcoming yesterday, and the security was told that he would have his covenant broken, and that he would not be coming on Thursday next.

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gave the man two pairs, which he promised to bring on board on Sunday. On Sunday he was aboard, but the man did not come on board wearing one of his newly made boots. The seaman said he brought them for \$1 and showed him the shop where he bought them. On going to the shop he saw his other pair hung up for sale. The seaman pointed out another man from whom he bought them, and the man in turn pointed out the seaman as the man he purchased them from. The seaman is in attendance to the man whom he gave the shoes to.

Inspector Stroud said the man who pointed out the prisoner as the one who bought the boots from him in the chair, was the man who got them from the complainant, and is the prisoner's master.

The case was heard by the Magistrate on Saturday next, for the production of Alms.

SUBSISTENT MURDER. Onas Ayeo, charged on suspicion, with being the cause of the death of a female, named Wong On, was remanded till the conclusion of the inquest.

ROBBERIES. Chin Acheo, charged with stealing a power saw, a brass mangle, the property of a female, admitted the charge, and was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE. Doris Howard, a European female, was charged by Mrs. Peris, residing in Wellington Street, with creating a disturbance at her house on Sunday morning, disturbing a window and causing a great deal of damage to the property.

Defendant said she lived in the house of the complainant's son for four months before Christmas, and was compelled to leave in consequence of the complainant's son being a day or two, and found when she had brought them away that one of the blankets had been extracted from her. She thereupon sent for a doctor, who examined her, and found her to be in a state of nervous prostration, and she accordingly went to bed, but was not able to get up. She said she was in the house of the complainant's son for four months before Christmas, and was compelled to leave in consequence of the complainant's son being a day or two, and found when she had brought them away that one of the blankets had been extracted from her. She thereupon sent for a doctor, who examined her, and found her to be in a state of nervous prostration, and she accordingly went to bed, but was not able to get up. 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